



Smoke Signals

April News of Smoky Mountain Region PCA

2010 Spring Thing
April 30 - May 2



SPECIAL DATES



CHARITY CONCOURS in
Jefferson City - May 15



May 20 - Thursday Nite
at Sonic @ 6:30pm

Did You Get That Last Dust Bunny?

(Or...cleaning the interior of your car for concours)

By Vic Rola

The Smoky Mountain Region is pleased to invite all PCA members to the 36th edition of Spring Thing. This year the event will take place in Oak Ridge, TN with the Double Tree Hotel as the headquarter facility. The multi-region event includes a Concourse on the grounds of the hotel, a Rally in the Cumberland Mountains to Buffalo Mountain, Windrock and Frozen Head State Park, and an autocross 15 minutes from the hotel.

Hotel contact information is Double Tree Hotel, 215 S. Illinois Avenue, Oak Ridge, TN 37830, (865) 481-2468. The room rate at the Double Tree is \$ 96.00. Cut off date for PCA pricing is April 13, 2010. If you are local you are not required to stay at the hotel.

There will be food and some drink, conversation about everything from the next and last trip to Parade and, certainly, about the Porsche. There will be a chance to show how great your car can look at the Saturday morning concourse. Then, right after lunch there will be the rally through some of the most beautiful country on the planet. As soon as that is over and you have had time to rest a bit and clean up, there will be more food and drink at the awards banquet.

Sunday morning we all make our way to the huge parking lot at Pellissippi State Community College for our challenging autocross. After each of us has shown how to turn left and right, there will be trophies presented to the top drivers.

Please see the registration form on our website at smtpca.org or in this newsletter and mail your registration form with fees to Vickie Marsh at 1541 Buxton Dr, Knoxville, TN 37922. We hope to see you in April.

For the past 35+ years, I've shown my Porsches at concourse events from Virginia Beach, VA, to Hershey, PA, to Tampa, FL, to Nashville, TN, and all points in between. In those years I've also had the privilege of being a concourse judging team member. When asked to, I've always requested to judge vehicle interiors.

Interiors are easy to judge, and even easier to clean. Let me give you a few hints which will help you the next time you enter concourse judging...maybe at this year's Spring Thing!

CLUTTER...All unnecessary clutter in your vehicles interior should be disposed of. Check all door and map pockets. Visor pockets. Nothing in the glove box. You could leave vehicle operating documents in the glove box, but remember...if you leave it there it is eligible for judging. Radar detectors, windshield mounted GPS units, cell phone carriers...all should be removed. Remove also any loose floor mats. Any of these items could cost you valuable points.

CLEAN CHAIRS...Leather chairs in your Porsche? Lexol brand leather cleaners and conditioners are the way to go! I put Lexol on by hand with no towel, rubbing the product into the leather, and then use a towel to 'dry' the chair. Check the chair crevasse, especially where the back meets the seating area.

VACUUM...Everything. Chairs before Lexol. Carpeting, starting under the chairs. All crevasses, including the areas behind your pedals. Don't forget to look and address the areas between the seats. Carpets removable? Vacuum the bare floor!

FROM THE PRESIDENT JEFF RUSSELL

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March has come and gone and, with it, two great get-togethers and one very competitive autocross. The St. Patrick's Day social gathering was a lot of fun and Tommy Wilson's cookout/drive out in Athens was an event not to be missed. The autocross opened with a little rain but once the track dried out, the times came down and everyone had a lot of fun.



This month brings our big multi-event weekend starting April 30. This is the 36th consecutive running of Spring Thing and we are excited about the possibilities that Oak Ridge, site of this year's event, has to offer. The Double Tree Hotel is a great venue for our headquarters and concours, the mountains around Oak Ridge offer superb scenery and challenges for the rally. The autocross will be held in familiar surroundings at Pellissippi State just 10 minutes down the road.

Come join us, the events will be challenging and fun, the food will be outstanding and the people will be friendly and enthusiastic. What more

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AUTOCROSS PARTNER/COACH AVAILABLE

I have mentioned this more than once but I really mean it. Nothing official, but I would be glad to work with novice autocrossers during the coming season. As I remember it, there is so much to remember, before you sit down in the car, and after you sit down, it really gets intense. Therefore, it can be too much for the novice, and they shy away for fear of not fitting in with the more experienced at the event.

Never fear, we were all YOU at one time and felt the same way. I personally, found some help, or I was so bad, several took pity on me. I, like most people, thought I knew how to drive my car. After all, I got to the event! Was I ever wrong. It is not all that complicated. Look at this list.

1. You need a car in relatively good running order. That might seem obvious, but there have been a few show up who managed to leave parts scattered across the course.
2. Take every thing out of the car that can rattle or slide and your driver's side floor mat. (getting stuck under the gas pedal is not just a Toyota thing.)
3. Make sure all your fluids are topped off and you have none of them leaking on the ground.
4. Good brakes are essential.
5. Put in about five pounds more tire pressure per tire than recommended on the street.
6. Clean the windows and make sure the front windows will go down. You run with windows down.
7. Make sure your battery is nice and tight – it cannot move a hair, so shake it.
8. The wheel's lug nuts must be torqued to 95 ft/lbs. If you do not have a torque wrench, we will do it for you at tech.
9. You must wear a helmet when running. If you do not have one, we have loaners.
10. As soon as you arrive register, pay the entry fee (usually around \$25) and sign the PCA waver. Ask for guidance in classing your car. They usually have a chart to help you.
11. Walk the course as many times as you can before the driver's meeting. Try to do that walk with or near a driver with experience --- they talk to themselves. Ask those folks questions. I do not know of a PCA member that will not help you.
12. While walking the course, walk in the position you would be in while sitting in the driver's seat. That gives you a better perspective of what you are going to see. It also gives some perspective on how far from the cones you should be.
13. Listen closely in the driver's meeting; there are often explanations of sections of the course. They also give your work assignments --- if your group is not running, you are expected to work at stations around the course. The event chair will tell you how many runs you are going to get.
14. You will then pull up in a line to start your group's runs. When you get to the starter, he or she will signal you where to stop. That will be a few feet from the timing light.
15. When they give you the signal to start, drop the clutch and go. DO NOT leave as though you have to show anyone how fast you and your car are. Leave at a brisk pace but remember, if you don't finish (get off course) you can't get a time. So make your first session one where you simply make it through the course without getting lost.
16. In addition to not getting lost, you can see how close you are to the cones. A cone knocked over and/or out of the box drawn around its' base, adds two seconds to your time. You can't win with those two seconds added.
17. If you get off course or hit a cone, do not stop. Get back on course and finish the run and learn from that time.
18. Do not let off the gas until you have passed the timer. Many people do not finish well because they lift their foot just before they go through the timer.
19. Get back in line and ask your partner what you need to do to improve, if they are around. Stay in your car.
20. While you are working the course, watch the experience drivers and how they take the turns, when they brake and accelerate.
21. Make notes at the end of the day on what you need to work on. Come back for more at the next event. You will have left the event being a better driver and appreciating your Porsche even more.

HEARD 'ROUND THE REGION

By Vic Rola

The Porsche Parade this year has at least four SMT groups going. Suzan Bowman and Mike Parker; Jeff Russell and his friend Shirley; Doug Hughes; and Carol and I. The Parade was expecting close to 900 cars, but as of this writing, there were only a little over 500 either registered, or attending.

Kudos go out to the folks who put on our latest social events. The St. Patrick's Day get together at the Lakeside Tavern, and the cookout/drive out at the Jordan/Wilson home in Athens. Both were well attended, with several new faces. Good job to all the event co-coordinators!

Did you read that Porsche was #1 in reliability in the most recent JD Powers survey? Not too shabby...

Long time friend of the Region, and a recent add to our membership roster, Mike Braunstein, was recently diagnosed with cancer of the prostate. Please include him in your thoughts and prayers.

An 'atta-boy' goes out to Jonathan Foulds, who organized our recent autocross school. Great weather, interesting course design, and of course member participation all played in the mix.



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SMT 2010 EVENTS CALENDAR

Date	Event	Location	Comments
3/13/10	24 Hr Sebring	Florida	
3/20/10	Cook Out	Tommy W & Jill Jordan' Home	Details TBA
4/21/10	Auto Cross	Pellissippi State CC	Register with Jonathan early or day of 8- 10 AM; first car off at 11 AM
4/3/10	SMT Auto X School	Pellissippi State CC	Register at 8 AM day of or email johnathanfoulds@yahoo.com. See web for more details
4/12/10	Membership Meeting	Mancino's Restaurant; 9209 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville	Meet at 6:30, arrive earlier to eat.
4/30/10 - 5/2/10	Spring Thing	Double Tree Hotel, Oak Ridge, TN	Jim Marsh 865- 356- 9107
5/15/10	Glenmore Charity Councour	Jefferson City, TN	Vic Rola 865- 207- 4303
5/20/10	Thursday Night At Sonic	Sonic Drive In, 8475 Kingston Pike	Meet at 6:30 PM
5/28- 5/30	Porschefest Multi Event Weekend	Charlotte, NC	Details TBA
6/5/10	One Day Drive Out	Cherohala and The Dragon	Frank Prout 865- 675- 7377
6/12/10	SMT Auto X School	Pellissippi State CC	See Website for details
6/13/10	Auto Cross	Pellissippi State CC	See Website for details
6/17/10	Thursday Night At Sonic	Sonic Drive In, 8475 Kingston Pike	Meet at 6:30 PM
7/3- 7/8/10	Porsche Parade	St. Charles, IL	Details in Panorama or online
7/12/10	Membership Meeting	Mancino's Restaurant; 9209 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville	Meet at 6:30, arrive earlier to eat.
7/15/10	Thursday Night At Sonic	Sonic Drive In, 8475 Kingston Pike	Meet at 6:30 PM
7/18/10	Auto Cross	Pellissippi State CC	See Website for details
8/15/10	Auto Cross	Pellissippi State CC	See Website for details
8/19/10	Thursday Night At Sonic	Sonic Drive In, 8475 Kingston Pike	Meet at 6:30 PM
9/3- 9/6	Rennfest Multi Event Weekend	Atlanta, GA	Details TBA
9/12/10	Auto Cross	Pellissippi State CC	See Website for details
9/16/10	Thursday Night At Sonic	Sonic Drive In, 8475 Kingston Pike	Meet at 6:30
9/18- 19/10	Overnight Drive Out	TBA	Clyde Peery 865- 719- 6124
10/2/10	Petit Le Mans	Road Atlanta	Details in Panorama or online
10/11/09	Membership Meeting	Mancino's Restaurant; 9209 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville	Meet at 6:30 - arrive earlier to eat.
10/16- 17/10	Driver's Ed	Talladega	Details TBA
10/30/10	2011 Planning Meeting	Mancino's Restaurant; 9209 Middlebrook Pike, Knoxville	Details TBA
11/13/10	Fall Fest W Autocross, Dinner, & Casino Night	Autocross- Pellissippi State, Dinner location TBA	May Nell Biehler 865- 980- 0181 or Cathy Hutchins 865- 690- 4811

Smoky Mountain PCA Region presents:



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(865) 481-2468
Doubletree.Hilton.com/OakRidge
Cut off is April 13 for PCA Pricing-\$96.00.

Spring Thing 2010

April 30th to May 2nd

The Secret City, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Spring Thing 2010 • Registration Form

Porsche: Model _____
 Name: 1 _____
 2 _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____
 State: _____ Zip: _____
 PCA Region: _____
 PCA Member number _____
 Telephone _____
 E-Mail: _____
 Double \$135.00 _____ Single \$80.00 _____

Extra Dinner Saturday _____ @ \$32.00 each

Total enclosed \$ _____

Return this form with fees to Vickie Marsh, 1541 Buxton Drive, Knoxville, Tennessee 37923, 865-691-6086, or E mail at Blue930@comcast.net no later than April 20, 2010.

Year _____

Concours

Entrant _____

Co-entrant _____
 class _____

Rally

Driver _____

Navigator _____

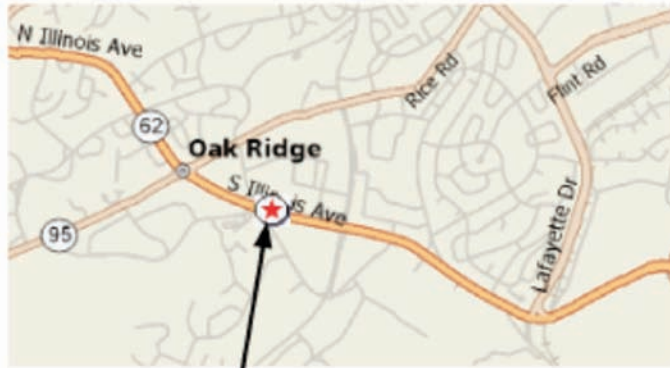
Autocross

Driver 1 _____

Driver 2 _____

class _____

T shirt sizes _____ and _____



Double Tree Hotel



EVENT SCHEDULE

Friday April 30

Registration at Hotel 3:00 pm - 9:00 pm
Reception in Lobby 5:00 pm - 7:30 pm

Saturday April 31

Breakfast on your own

8:00 am Concours Staging

9:00 am Concours D'Elegance Judging begins

11:30 - 12:30 Lunch-- on your own

12:30 pm Rally Drivers Meeting -Entry Portico

12:45 pm Rally First Car out

4:00 pm Tech Quiz

6:00 pm Cocktails and Social Time

7:00 pm Dinner and Awards

Sunday May 1

Breakfast on your own.

9:00 am Course opens for walking

10:30 am Safety Meeting

11:00 am First Car out

Awards will be given at end of Autocross

The Secret City

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CHARITY CONCOURS ON SCHEDULE FOR MAY 15TH



Glenmore Mansion

Smoky Mountain Region is sponsoring a European car charity concours, supporting the Alzheimer's Association. The concours is planned for the grounds of Glenmore Mansion, in Jefferson City, TN.

Invitations have been sent to the English Car Society, the BMWCCA, the Mercedes Benz Club, as well as the Ferrari Club. We are hopeful of a good representation of cars from Europe. The judging will be a 'peoples choice' affair, with five trophies being handed out, based on votes given during the event. Glenmore will be open for viewing, and the price of admission covers two entry tickets to the mansion.

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Did You Get That Last Dust Bunny?

PEDALS...If you still have the rubber brake and clutch covers...they can be removed. Take them in the house, and scrub them with soap and water. Once dry, put them in a plastic sandwich bag, driving to the event without the covers, putting them on, once you're set in your judging spot. Scrub the accelerator pedal in place, or if it too can be removed, remove it, cleaning the area around its base.

CARPETS...We've talked about removing loose carpeting. The newer cars have carpeting that can't be removed totally. But...if you can remove the floor carpets, do so. Clean them, top and bottom, and put them into a dry cleaning bag, to take with you to the event.

DUSTING...You can loosen and remove dust from the instrument panel, the radio, as well as other areas of the dash, and the cars interior, with a paint brush. Trust me on this one...you'll love the results.

GLASS...Use a professional cleaner such as Invisible Glass for superb results! Get into the corners of all the windows, and don't forget...the inside mirrors...rear view, and vanity.

DUST BUNNIES...Look for them...on top of the rear view mirror, on the visors, under the chairs, in the seat belt carrier, rear shelf...These guys are everywhere.

Finally, keep your score sheets close to you for the next concours. It will give you a 'heads-up', as to what areas to pay additional attention to.

Come on folks...let's CONCOURS!!!



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